

5 O'CLOCK EXTRA

BREAD GROWS DEAR

An Advance in Price Booked for Next Monday.

Leaves Are Already Growing Pitifully Light.

None Can Tell Where This Thing Will End.

Even Now Some of the Poor Must Go Without Their Bread.

"Old Hutz" cornered the wheat market and two weeks ago his profits were estimated at a million dollars a day.

The newspapers told the story in detail. Poor people read the history through with a half evens feeling, and dismissed the matter from their minds. They could not see then that his deals, gains or losses, meant anything to them.

To-day throughout the length and breadth of this land there is rising a cry of distress from the homes of the poor. They are beginning to feel that the doings of Hutchinson and men of his ilk have an interest of vital importance to them.

In consequence of Hutchinson's corner bread has already become dearer, and for Monday next a further increase has been decided upon.

At a mass-meeting to be held in the German Masonic Hall, on East Fifth street, Sunday morning, the big bakers will decide whether to increase will be practically two cents, or more. It is thought that to begin with they will order an advance in price of one cent on each loaf, and at the same time scale off about a cent's worth of bread from each loaf. They feel that this will be a terrible hardship to the poor, especially in this city, and desire to make the loaf seemingly light, and so will not put on a two cents' increase.

For two weeks past small bakers have been absolutely necessary to do something in order to make a profit on their bread, and they have been daily decreasing the size of their loaves. Families that have hitherto been able to do with four or five loaves of bread per day are now obliged to buy six or seven.

This means an outlay of about 10 to 15 per cent more a day, when they can afford it. When they can't afford it, they are in a bad way. Well, the children are allowed to cry for bread during the day. They are not given a generous slice between meals. Mother goes without, or father does not take as much in his dinner pail. Such is the state of affairs at present, and it will be worse before it is better.

Flour has risen about \$2 in the last three weeks and about \$3 in the last six weeks. Lard is going up. It is now 15 cents a pound. Six weeks ago it could be purchased for 10.

Eggs were wholesale at 17 cents per dozen. They were 25 cents this morning.

An EVENING WORLD reporter visited about a dozen places where bread is sold in order to get the true condition of things.

The first place visited was Schlusbaum & Kregel's small grocery at 8 Madison street. A thin, pale-faced little woman was at the counter complaining bitterly of the size of the loaf of bread. She had just purchased a loaf, and she said the loaf was reduced in size but not in price.

"I cannot help it. We get our bread from Droste and Schultz. If the loaves are smaller they make it so. If they do so they are obliged to on account of the great rise in the price of flour," said the grocer.

"Yes," responded the woman bitterly, "it's only the poor that suffer. They make their loaves lighter, and keep up their average profit. We have to pay for a thousand loaves of bread a day. I don't know what we will do. My husband has not worked steady since July. Bread is about all we have had to put on, and if the price goes on, we can reach there is nothing but the poorhouse for us."

With the handful of bread that she had paid five cents for she hurried out.

Then the grocer told the reporter that the loaf of bread at five cents and nine cents a loaf, and that the loaves had been reduced in size but not in price.

"How much does a nine-cent loaf weigh?" he was asked.

"Two pounds, to-day. Two weeks ago one would weigh two pounds and a quarter. A five-cent loaf to-day weighs a pound, whereas it used to weigh a pound and three-eighths."

"How many loaves of bread do you sell per day?"

"About sixty-five or seventy. We used to sell about fifty, but the loaves are getting so small that the people have to get more of them."

James D. Helme, baker at 67 Catharine street—I have been obliged to scale two ounces off my five-cent loaves that used to weigh a pound. I sell about a thousand loaves of bread a day. Square loaves, that sell for 11 cents, used to weigh about two pounds and a quarter. Now they only weigh two pounds.

"Do your customers complain much?"

"Oh yes. You can't blame them. It is very hard on them, but what can I do? As it is, I am barely holding my own."

"Why did you not raise the price?"

Christopher Lampel, 22 Stanton street, agreed that they bought flour when it was cheap, and have enough on hand to last a few weeks yet. So they sell their bread at the usual price. When that flour is out and they have to buy more, they expect to increase the price of bread one or two cents a loaf.

Jacob Behrman, grocer at 59 Monroe street, said: "I buy my bread of Heilmann. The loaves have been reduced in weight three or four ounces each. Some people are buying more per day than they used to. Others cannot afford to do that and are going without."

Eugene Menabarger, at 106 Canal street—I sell almost three hundred loaves of bread a day. I found loaves that I used to sell for four cents I am now obliged to charge five for. My seven-cent loaves used to weigh two pounds and a quarter. Now they only weigh two pounds.

President Wall, of the Bakers' Association, and a committee of the Association visited all the big bakeries in this city last Sunday morning. Mr. Wall told THE EVENING WORLD reporter that Friedman, Herseman, Schulz, Fleischman and, in part, all the big bakers had claimed that an advance in the price of bread was an absolute necessity.

"They do not think it advisable," he said, "to take the regulation-sized loaf and charge two cents, and so we have not decided to increase the price one cent a loaf, and bake in smaller-sized pans."

"How small will the loaves be then?"

"That will be decided upon at the meeting on Sunday morning."

THE WHEAT MARKET.

It Opened Firmly and Then Began to Decline.

The wheat market opened firm at about a cent advance over last night's closing quotations, but a few minutes later, during which there was very light trading, the market weakened and prices began to decline.

At the opening December options were quoted at from \$1.16 1/2 to \$1.17, against \$1.16 1/2 last night's closing quotation. A few minutes after the opening figures, and as far up as \$1.17 1/2, the quotation declined to \$1.15 1/2. May options opened at from \$1.20 1/2 to \$1.21 against \$1.19 1/2 last night's closing quotation. A few minutes later \$1.21 1/2 was bid. Later on, however, the quotation declined to \$1.19 1/2, and shortly before noon \$1.17 1/2 was offered.

Shopping before noon December options advanced to \$1.16, but soon fell off again to \$1.15.

The Chicago market opened firm at 1/2 cent advance over the night's price. At the opening December wheat was quoted at \$1.17 and May at \$1.16. December declined to \$1.15 1/2 and advanced to \$1.16. May options fell off to \$1.14 and advanced to \$1.15 1/2. Light trading.

The cables from Liverpool were firm.

The Closing Quotations.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Alex. Top, S. S. F.	74 1/2	74 3/4	74 1/2	74 1/2
Canada Southern	74 1/2	74 3/4	74 1/2	74 1/2
Central Pacific	74 1/2	74 3/4	74 1/2	74 1/2
Chicago & North Western	74 1/2	74 3/4	74 1/2	74 1/2
Chicago & Great Western	74 1/2	74 3/4	74 1/2	74 1/2
Chicago & Lake Michigan	74 1/2	74 3/4	74 1/2	74 1/2
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